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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA SEEKS PARTNERS ON KOSOVO ICJ RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 105808

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Daniel A. Clune for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

11. (SBU) This is an action request. See paragraph 3.

12. (C/NF) DCM delivered reftel points to Annabelle Anderson, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Anderson replied that the GOA will vote "no" on the Kosovo ICJ UNGA resolution, if it is "in good company". Anderson advised that the GOA UNGA delegation has instructions to vote no if there is at least a handful of credible countries voting against the resolution, such as the U.S., Canada, and some of the European countries. If the group is too small, the GOA will abstain from the vote but will speak in support of Kosovo's sovereignty and against the potentially destabilizing impact of the resolution.

13. (C/NF) Anderson requested that the USUN immediately inform the Australian UN delegation of the countries expected to vote against the resolution. Post would appreciate receiving the information, as well, to convey it to DFAT. Point of contact is Political Officer Carol Hanlon, hanloncm@state.gov.

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